

AT A WORK SESSION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF JAMES CITY, VIRGINIA, HELD ON THE 26TH DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2002, AT 4:00 P.M. IN THE COUNTY GOVERNMENT CENTER BOARD ROOM, 101 MOUNTS BAY ROAD, JAMES CITY COUNTY, VIRGINIA.

A. ROLL CALL

James G. Kennedy, Chairman, Stonehouse District
Jay T. Harrison, Sr., Vice Chairman, Berkeley District

John J. McGlennon, Jamestown District
Michael J. Brown, Powhatan District
Bruce C. Goodson, Roberts District

Sanford B. Wanner, County Administrator
Frank M. Morton, III, County Attorney

B. BOARD CONSIDERATIONS

1. Powhatan Creek Stormwater Operating and Funding Study

Mr. John T. P. Horne, Director of Development Management, recommended that no matter how the Powhatan Creek Plan develops, it is to the County's advantage to develop a funding strategy; and requested that the Board provide staff with direction at the end of the presentation.

Mr. Horne introduced Ms. Elizabeth Treadway, AMEC, the Stormwater Operating and Funding Study consultant.

Ms. Treadway introduced Ms. Jean Haggerty, technical leader; Diana St. John, project manager, and Moreen Hanagan, public information.

Ms. Haggerty provided the Board with an overview of the scope of the Project's Phase I including the County's existing stormwater program, program objectives and priorities, the development of projected stormwater program, and the preparation of a funding feasibility study for the projected program costs FY 03-07.

The Board and Ms. Haggerty discussed the projected capital expenditures for conservation easements.

Ms. Treadway provided the Board with an overview of Phase II of the project: the potential funding methods that would give the County the long-term, stable, flexible financing including stormwater utility user fees and State and Federal Grants for stormwater related water quantity or quality projects as well as anticipated funding from the long-term financing.

The Board and Ms. Treadway discussed stormwater user fees and how those fees could be assessed, and how the fees could be adjusted for meeting the County's stormwater minimal standards.

Mr. Horne requested guidance from the Board regarding the primary and secondary funding sources to be carried into Phase II.

Mr. Goodson requested “impact fee” be changed to “proffers.”

The Board, staff, and the AMEC consultants discussed the projected allocation of the primary vs. secondary funding sources, and the breakout of the projected program costs by necessary expenditures and optional expenditures.

2. Financial Trends and Five-Year Forecast

Mr. John McDonald, Manager of Financial and Management Services, introduced Mr. David Rose and Mr. Courtney Rogers of Davenport & Company, LLC, the County’s financial advisor; and stated that they would be giving the Board an overview of the County’s current financial status and effect of long-range capital financing.

Mr. Rose provided the Board with an overview of the following topics:

a. The County’s Fiscal Goals and Objectives

An overview was given on the need for maintaining solid fund balances in light of Statewide budgetary shortfalls, operating within approved County fiscal goals, and the development of a preliminary strategy/plan of finance for potential school capital needs; and the County’s credit rating.

Mr. McGlennon and Mr. Rose discussed the impacts of moving to a biennial reassessment on credit ratings.

b. Rating, Economic, and Financial Comparisons of James City County with Other Selected Virginia Counties

c. Debt Ratios

A brief discussion was held on the current ratios with existing debt service, and fund balance designated for fiscal liquidity, and impacts of additional debt on the ratios.

d. Anticipated Projects to be Analyzed

A discussion was held regarding the 800 MHz Radio System and a new secondary school facility’s effect on the proposed CIP in FY08, and the incremental tax effect in FY 03 and FY 05.

e. Summary

Mr. Rose stated that the County’s solid financial management has resulted in a favorable credit rating, recommended adherence to the County’s fiscal goals, recommended financing the 800 MHz Radio System while long-term interest rates are near historical lows, and recommended the County be careful in planning a school related project to maintain long-term fiscal integrity.

The Board and Mr. Rose discussed financing options this year vs. waiting to finance the projects later, the incremental tax effects if financed at different levels or for different time frames, the Virginia Public School Authority bond advantages and disadvantages vs. general obligation bonds, and the radio system status.

C. BOARD REQUESTS AND DIRECTIVES - None

D. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Kennedy requested a motion to adjourn until 7 p.m. on March 12, 2002.

Mr. McGlennon made a motion to adjourn.

On a roll call vote, the vote was: AYE: McGlennon, Brown, Goodson, Harrison, Kennedy (5). NAY:
(0).

Mr. Kennedy adjourned the Board at 6:10 p.m.

Sanford B. Wanner
Clerk to the Board

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